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Attached please find a copy of the above-identified patent application which was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 16, 2000. Also enclosed are formal papers requiring your signature. Please sign and date the attached Declaration and Assignment documents where indicated. Kindly note that the Assignment document requires notarization. Please return these documents to us before **January 26, 2001**.

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